

LIFE & TIMES

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On Post

Join Toastmasters!

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home-parent, or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your leadership and communication skills. The Dogfaced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets at noon every Friday of the month at Club Stewart. Open to everyone.

For more information contact Gary Hanney or Celso Backes @ 370-6100 or email Hanney at gary.j.hanney@se.amedd.army.mil.

Volunteers needed

The ACS volunteer coordinator and the installation volunteer coordinator have information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the ACS center and other agencies at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Volunteer orientation at Hunter ACS is the first Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are always welcome and much-needed at ACS. For more information, call 352-6816.

Brown Bag Lunch

The American Red Cross is hosting weekly Brown Bag Lunches at their office in Building 623, every Monday from 12 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lunches provide military families with opportunities to network with other families and the Red Cross. No RSVP necessary, just show up with your lunch and get ready to socialize. For more information, call 767-2197.

Free baby layettes for OEF/OIF vets

Families who have had children since being deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, or have had them since their return, are eligible to receive a free layette offered by Spencer's Children's Clothing Company, Inc. A \$70 retail value, the gift set is a great chance to add to a family's baby supplies. Children must be under 18 months of age.

For specific guidelines and applications, contact the American Red Cross office at 767-2197.

Off Post

MILES Program

Don't buy a vehicle until you are armed with knowledge. This program is designed exclusively for active duty servicemembers who cannot obtain bank or credit financing when purchasing a vehicle.

For information, visit or qualify online at usmiles.com or call the Military Installment Loan and Education Services Assistance Center toll free at (866)-466-4537.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-9366. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Something s fishy in Richmond Hill

... oh, wait — *that's the Seafood Festival*

Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft

Hq. Cmd.

If you're not a fan of fish, fun and Ferris Wheels, you probably weren't in Richmond Hill from Friday to Sunday, because that's what the city's Seafood Festival was chock full of.

Chances are if you did go out of town, you were highly outnumbered by the approximately 28,000 people who flocked to the festival over the weekend.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter garrison commander, spoke during the event's opening ceremony, and the 3rd Infantry Division color guard carried the American flag as the national anthem was sung.

"We really relish the support given to our Soldiers by this community," Goble said to the assembled crowd. "We greatly appreciate the care and support you give to our families while our Soldiers are off fighting the bad guys."

Both care and support were in full swing Friday, in the form of food, drink, dancing and lots of people to enjoy them with.

"I definitely came here to eat," said Sgt. 1st Class J.T. Hall, 1st Battalion, 351st Aviation Regiment. "I like shrimp, but I've always been kind of afraid of eating fish since my grandma gave me food poisoning when I was 12 from cooking bad fish."

"The fishing club has really good gumbo," he added.

Staff Sgt. John Webster, A Company, 603rd Avn. Support Bn., agreed, saying, "I'm kind of a food critic, since I was a chef for seven years ... this food is really good."

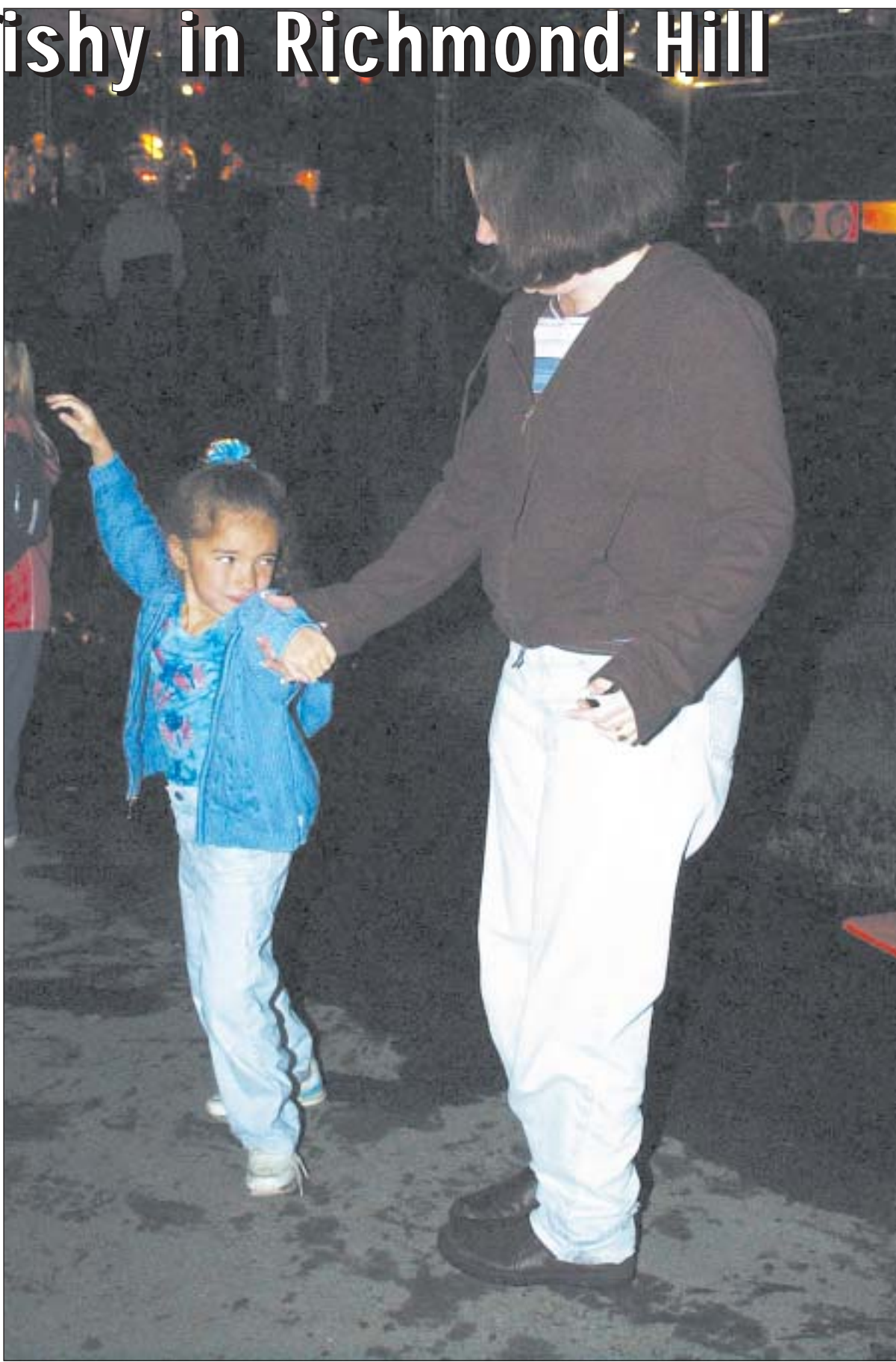
The festival was comparable to a county fair, with brightly lit rides, all kinds of food (even funnel cakes) and vendors of every type of trinket.

"We really enjoy it because it's family-oriented," said Dora Clark, a Richmond Hill resident. "We've been coming here for six years."

Clark's 5-year-old grandson, Jared Clark, said his favorite part of the festival was "the games ... and the music ... and dancing. I like the bb-gun game."

The music this year was provided by the Swingin' Medallions, a local group who specialty is music from all generations — and all generations were out of their seats and dancing in front of the stage early in the show.

"I love it, it's a very fun atmosphere," said Phillip Ford, a vendor who traveled from Atlanta to set up his booth at the festival. "The seafood is what attracted me, and business has been great ... it's made it worth my trip so far."



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Isabel Padilla, 5, and her mother Shanda get their groove on at the Seafood Festival to the tunes of the Swingin' Medallions Friday night in Richmond Hill.

Families go postal

USPS provides free packaging materials for loved ones of deployed Soldiers

Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

3rd Inf. Div.

Ask a Soldier who has already been to Iraq, and that Soldier will probably tell you there was one thing that kept him going more than anything else — receiving mail from his loved ones.

The United States Postal Service has made sending packages to deployed family members even easier by providing them with free packaging "care kits."

These kits contain all the necessary materials to send mail to deployed Soldiers. They include boxes — four smaller ones and seven large, and packaging tape to secure them. Priority Mail address labels are also included.

The kits also contain five Tyvek envelopes and ten custom forms with envelopes, which are mandatory when sending mail overseas.

"The United States Postal Service always supports the military," said David E. Taylor, Hinesville, Ga., post office officer-in-charge.

Taylor, whose stepson just returned from a 13 month deployment to Iraq, said he knows what deployed Soldiers have to go through, and that anything they can receive is valuable.

"Receiving mail builds morale and is very important; it keeps them going," he said.

The USPS has been receiving almost 900 orders for the care kits per day, Taylor said.

Families, individuals or entire groups can place orders for the care kits by calling (800)610-8734 and requesting "Care Kit 04."

Taylor added that mailing materials are always offered free to the public, and can be ordered by calling the 800 number or by visiting the Web site at www.USPS.com.



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Hunter Library Technician Lee Edelstein works on the library's databases. The library has been open since February.

Hunter library invites Soldiers to take advantage of resources

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Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers and family members who enjoy reading and research now have an alternative to spending too much money at bookstores and racking up fines at local libraries — the Hunter Branch Library is encouraging customers to come on in.

The library is located in the Hunter Education Center, and has been open since February. Many would-be patrons may have been unaware of that fact, but those who have taken advantage of the

facility are more than satisfied with it, according to library director Marilyn M. Mancuso.

"Every one is happy to have a library at Hunter," she said. "Since February, participation has grown every month."

Ruth Handy, the spouse of a retired servicemember, and an employee of the Hunter Education Center, said she visits the library on her lunch hour.

"I like to frequent the new library," Handy said. "I've always used post libraries, since I grew up

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Courtesy photo

Some of the materials provided for free by the USPS are small boxes, large boxes and Tyvek envelopes.

Family fun at ACS festival

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If you drove past the Hunter Army Airfield Army Community Service building on Saturday, you probably saw a huge, inflatable, multi-colored slide and heard the music playing as you drove past the parking lot.

Add to that free food, games and plenty of children of all ages, and you definitely witnessed the annual Hunter Community Festival and Block Party, going on right under your nose.

"Since ACS is a non-profit organization, everything we use (for events like this one) has to be donated," said Regina Mims, a Family Advocacy Program specialist.

Still, the party got rave reviews from the families who attended.

"The kids, of course, love it," said Elizabeth Descoteux, who continued, "It's safe and it's free ... anything free is good in my book."

"It gives families something fun to do that would cost a lot of money if you went off post," said Spc. Tina Schmidt, C Company, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion. "I'm here with four kids, and there's something here that they all can do ... they're all different ages, but they're all having fun."

Maria Boiza, outreach director, said the event was organized "mainly to bring families together and let them know what (ACS) has to offer."

"One thing we're doing is providing free child care the first Saturday of the month," she said.

In addition to food and entertainment, the get-together was one way for ACS volunteers could share information and literature with families who could benefit from it.

"We're talking to people about domestic violence, since this is domestic violence week," Mims said. "We also have the (Hunter) fire department out here giving people information about fire prevention."

"We do this because we want the community to know that we're out here," Mims added. "Some people never come to us until they need help with something, and we want them to know they can come to for help ... and, of course, we also do this for fun."

Her biggest personal reward is just that, Mims said.

"I love to see the families I work with coming out here and the kids having fun," she said with a smile.



Katie English, 4, decides on a prize after playing the basketball toss game.



Frank Spence IV, 2, lives out his firefighter fantasy in a Hunter Fire Department fire truck at the Hunter Community Festival Saturday held at the Hunter ACS building.

Photos by Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft



Sharnese Clark, 10, Taranisha Robertson, 10, and Geraldine Ragin, Youth Center volunteer, play a competitive game of Bingo at the Hunter Army Community Service Community Festival Saturday.



Youths line up to go "fishing" for prizes at one of the game stations.



Jacqueline Gutierrez, 8, tries her luck at the ring toss at the Hunter Community Festival Saturday.

Program helps to enrich marriages

Chaplain (Capt.) Chul W. Kim
1/76 FA

As a part of their Command Master Religious Program, 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery Regiment Religious Support Team, Chaplain (Capt.) Chul Kim and Sgt. Desmond Peacock, conducted the “Patriot Marriage Enrichment Training” with 15 couples Friday and Saturday at Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Fla.

Through his welcome letter, the Lt. Col. Daniel A. Pinnell, battalion commander, stressed the importance of family support.

“Success of our Army in the field is dependant in large part on the sacrifices and volunteer spirit of the spouses on the home front,” Pinnell said. “The unpaid sacrifices made by these patriots make the whole mission possible, and we are eternally grateful for them.”

The training covered and discussed a variety of subjects, ranging from understanding each other's differences, finding spouse's love lan-



Chaplain (Capt.) Chul W. Kim

Staff Sgt. Woodrow Crawford, B Btry., 1/76 FA takes an assessment test while his wife Calisia looks on.

guage, sharpening communication skills and renewing their commitment.

One spouse said, “I think the most valuable lessen I learned was how different we were made and how to take this new knowledge to understand why my spouse is the way he is. This training helped me very

much in learning my spouse and how to meet his needs. I will love my spouse as if there is no tomorrow.”

All participants expressed their gratitude for a wonderful opportunity to relax, learn, and start a new journey together. Of course, they all enjoyed the beach in the Sunshine State!

4th Brigade Single Soldier Home Cooked Meal

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 21

TIME: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

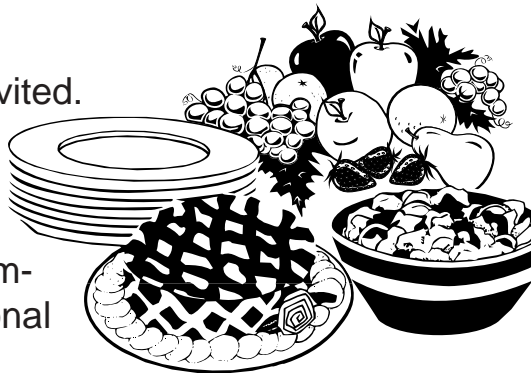
WHO: 4th Brigade Single Soldiers are invited.

See your Squadron or Battalion Chaplain to sign up

WHY: Wholesome food, fellowship, door prizes, spiritual development, contemporary Christian mini concert and devotional

TRANSPORTATION: Available from 4th

Brigade Headquarters at 5:30 p.m. Meet outside near the Brigade Staff Duty desk



*Sponsored by the 4th Brigade Religious Support Teams
and Vale Protestant Chapel*

LIBRARY

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in a military family, and I'm glad that Hunter has one now.”

The decision to open the library was command-driven, Mancuso said.

“We were happy to do it because we closed a library in 1995,” she added. “To make it happen, we reprogrammed our budget to buy furniture, equipment and subscriptions for the library.”

Hunter library technician Lee Edelstein runs the branch, and said that the Soldiers and family members she deals with on a regular basis have been enjoying all of the library's services, not only book-lending.

“They come to the library for pleasure reading, and also for informational research and Internet use,” Edelstein said. “Both Soldiers and family members would like to see the library open more hours.”

Edelstein added that starting in late fall or early winter, the branch will also offer a “Read to Kids” program that gives Soldiers the opportunity to be videotaped reading to their children, and have the recording made into a DVD that children can watch while their parents are deployed.

As of now, the Hunter branch is only open for business on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

That is because the library is funded by the Fort Stewart budget, so its hours are limited, Mancuso said.

“We can only be open two days a week,” she said. “Once a budget is established for the branch library, we can look at expanding the hours of operation.”

Plans for the library to occupy its own state-of-the-art building are underway, Mancuso said, and construction on the projected 12,500-square-foot structure is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2007 or 2008.

Edelstein said she encourages patrons to voice their opinions, especially if their opinions are that the library should be open for longer and more diverse hours.

One way they can respond, she said, is by logging on to the Interactive Customer Evaluation Web site, ice.disa.mil.

“The library is convenient,” Edelstein said. “Once, a family member told me, ‘Wow, I don't have to go to Savannah for a library anymore.’”

There are many benefits to Hunter having its own library.

“Army libraries provide programs and services while concurrently facilitating education, research, training, self-development, well-being, outreach, lifelong learning for the entire Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield communities,” Mancuso said.

For more information about the Fort Stewart and Hunter library services, patrons can call Mancuso at 767-0804.

“Soldiers use this library a lot,” Edelstein said. “We've been getting 35 to 40 people in here daily, and the numbers are increasing steadily.”

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

You are important!

Chaplain (Capt.) Charlie Lee
1/9 FA

"This is the day that the Lord hath made — rejoice and be glad in it!"

Do you know who you are? You are a unique person. Do you know? You are so valuable, talented and gifted as a person. Yes, you are!

You are a unique creation of God. God wanted you to be *you*. He created you to be a unique and important person. We are not identical.

We each have different abilities. We have different talents, but each one of us has a unique function just like the different parts of our bodies. In the Book of I Corinthians, verse 12:12 says, "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body."

The Army is one, and we are one family. Therefore, we should not look upon abilities and talents, and judge others, because we are different and

unique. We should not look with disdain on others' abilities or talents, because we are different. You and I might have similar abilities and talents, but we are not identical.

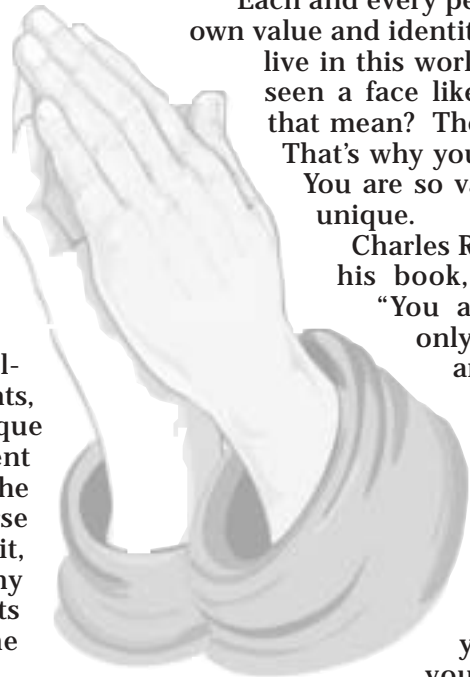
Each and every person has his or her own value and identity. So many people live in this world, yet I have never seen a face like mine. What does that mean? There is only one me. That's why you are so important. You are so valuable. You are so unique.

Charles R. Swindoll wrote in his book, "Encourage Me,"

"You are you. There is only one you. And you are important. Want to start feeling better? Really desire to dispel discouragement? I can say it all in three words: Start being you."

Yes, be proud of yourself because you are you. Have confidence, do your best,

and don't forget you are a part of our body Christ. Christ needs you. You are important!



Pet of the Week

Roxy, a six-month-old spayed Lab mix puppy, is very energetic and lovable. She gets along great with children and never gets tired of playtime. She would make a perfect part of your family!

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Roxy for your home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842. The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.

American Samoan

Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
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Muslim

Friday Jum'ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.

Lutheran

Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
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Jewish

Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.
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Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant

Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.

Catholic

Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

Volunteer Spotlight



KENYA W. ABBY



Kenya W. Abby, a native of Capital Heights, Md., is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. She volunteers as an administrative technician in the Information Management Division. Abby, who aspires to become a computer programmer, said she volunteers “for the experience and to assist others in my spare time.” In her free time, she enjoys reading and walking. If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Oct. 21 - Oct. 27

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
General admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



The Cookout (PG-13)

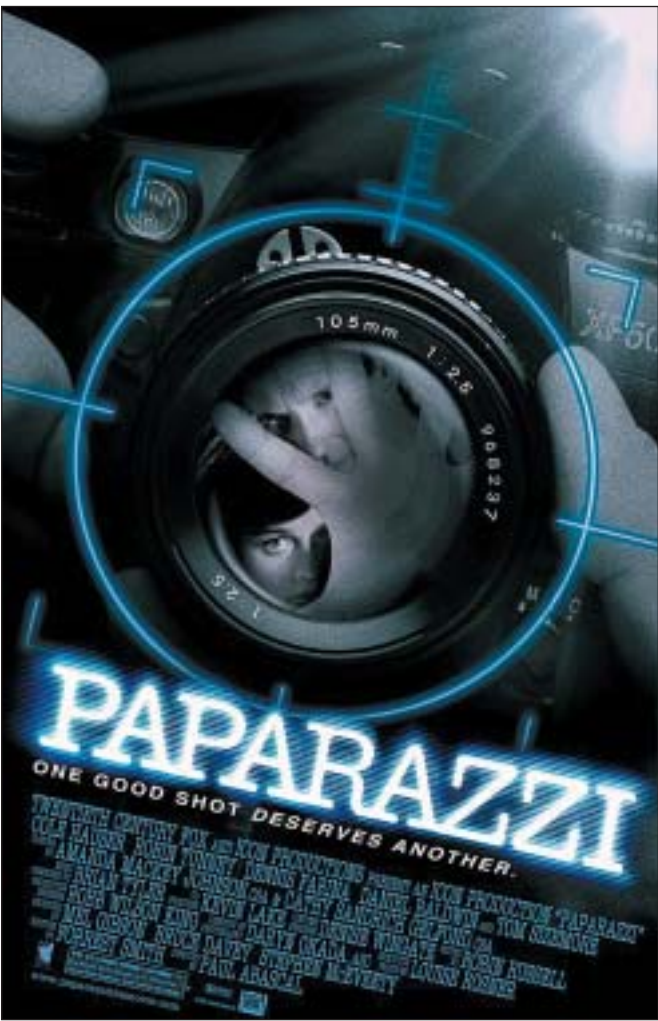
Starring: Eve, Danny Glover
Tonight at 7 p.m.
Ted decides to throw the sort of family/neighborhood cook-out his family has always had during the summer at his new house in a stuffy white neighborhood, which means that there's going to be more than one type of culture clash, between his new and old friends.
Run Time: 85 minutes

Paparazzi (PG-13)

Starring: Tom Sizemore, Cole Hauser
Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Bo Laramie is a movie star who has finally achieved success. But success comes at a price, in the form of persistent photographers known as the paparazzi. Using their dishonest methods of getting the money shot regardless of what it takes, they'll stop at nothing in exploiting Bo for every last penny. But when one of their ventures nearly costs Bo's life and that of his family, he's reached his breaking point. In doing so, he will exact revenge on those who have enjoyed making his life a living hell with a focus on the paparazzi's ring leader, Rex Harper.
Run Time: 84 minutes

Cellular (PG-13)

Starring: Kim Basinger, Chris Evans
Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.
Though she's held captive, Jessica Martin manages to contact an unsuspecting young man via his cell phone. As he becomes her only lifeline to thwarting the abduction of her young son, the good samaritan soon gets way more than he bargained for.
Run Time: 94 minutes



Birth Announcements

Aug. 29
Amir Lamon Pearson, a boy, 5 pounds, 8 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Victoria Pearson.

Sept. 29
Amajeon Zareik Rowland, a boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Mr. Solomon Benson and Ms. Immecca Rowland (Dependent daughter – Sgt. 1st Class Joel E. Yates)

Oct. 1
Hanna Marie Stai, a girl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Braden Stai and Tonya Stai.
Ross Aaron Kintzer, Jr., a boy, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Ross A. Kintzer and Elizabeth Marie Kintzer.
David Edward Morrison Akers, a girl, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, born to WO1 David Aaron Akers and Eieka Jennifer Akers.

Oct. 2
Michael Dewayne Boyle, Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Michael Boyle and Melissa Boyle.
Courtney Chantil Burgess, a girl, 6 pounds, born to Sgt. 1st Class Michael L. Burgess and Brenda Burgess.
Mykayla Rae McIntire, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Michael McIntire and Kelly McIntire.
Hamlet German Arias, Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Hamlet German Arias and Christy Arias.
Olivia Charlotte Laken, a girl, 9 pounds, 10



ounces, born to Spc. Seth Anders Laken and Lori Anne Laken.

Oct. 3
Joseph Richard Farley, Jr., a boy, 7 pounds, born to Pfc. Joseph Farley and Theresa Farley.
Tony Lorenza Bradley, Jr., a boy, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Mr. Tony Lorenza Bradley, Sr. and Sgt. Latarsha Bradley.
Nathanial James Oconnell, a boy, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew James and Oconnell and Rebecca Lee Oconnell.

Oct. 4
Damon Lee Galloway, a boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Mr. Erik Galloway and Pfc. Rebecca Galloway.
Jorden Arian Favor, a girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce,

born to Spc. Douglas Lamont Favor and Lori Dykes Favor.

Jada Marlena Young, a girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Jerry Young and Keisha Young.
Wilfred Tulensa Jesse, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Chadwick Benskin Jesse and Justina Wilfred Jesse.
Jelienne Anastasia Ostrow, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Jason A. Ostrow and Mychelle A. Ostrow.

Oct. 5
Justin Tavon Ballard, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Cpl. Michael Ballard and Pfc. Tawana Ballard.

Rebekah Elise Mason, a girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Mijikai Mason and Ashley Mason.